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Athens Olympic Preview:

Sports and Athletes Highlighting the Games

By Terry Dyer
MGW Staff

Fireworks, competitors, former athletes, and music will open the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece on August 13, 2004 (Opening Ceremonies). Going back to the birth place of the first modern Olympics, the games are going to be filled once again with drama, excitement, tears, sweat, and much more! Over the past several weeks, athletes from all across the globe have trained, qualified and even made their respective Olympic Teams. Representing their country in a time of such uncertainty and turmoil, these athletes are completely focused on the prize, going for the GOLD!

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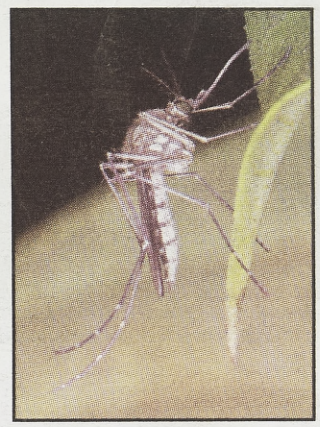

In response to local and state-wide concerns regarding the West Nile Virus, we felt that it was necessary to disseminate information to help educate our community about the virus and reduce the risk of transmission, particularly among people with suppressed immune systems. The information contained within this editorial has been compiled from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Health Services; West Nile Surveillance Information Center.

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Making The Change One Step At A Time

Beginning with the current issue, readers will find many important changes in Mom Guess What Newspaper. Our readers have repeatedly expressed the need for changes, and we agree. We have started a series of changes to both the design and the content found within, and over the course of the next few issues we will be slowly instituting these changes as we review the readers feedback.
A new e-mail account has been established to make it easier for the readers 'opinions to be reviewed on a prompt basis. Please remember that in order for us to bring to you stories and information you desire, we must hear from you. With your help we can take MGW to a new level of professionalism. All questions, comments, and suggestions should be sent to communityvoice@mgwnews.com

MGW Welcomes A New Member To Our Family

MGW would like to introduce an addition to our "team", **Merle Exit**. Exit, a former comedian-singer-actress-who moves...well? came out as a journalist in 1985. Exit is the Arts & Entertaiment Editor for the **Queens Times** in New York City. When people ask her if she's from Queens, she answers, "No, my folks are straight". **Exit** will provide a fresh perspective on many features including travel and various reviews. Merle, who changed her last name to "Exit" so that she could see her name up in lights, who is also a freelance writer for publications such as **Pink Pages, Out Front Colorado, Bay Windows**, and **Empty Closet,** had joined our staff just before a recent visit to Sacramento. In spite of this she still intends to write for us.

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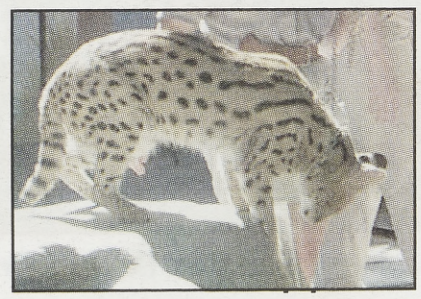

CGNIE: 2002-2003 Ducal House Charity Disbursements

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Allan Morgan and Reverend Charles Cooper, Director of The Edward Sherriff Samaritan Center

Alan P. J. Morgan, Grand Duke XXIII was on hand on August 9th to distribute money raised during the XXIII reign 2002-2003. The total amount distributed was $1,750.OO. The following charities were selected to receive a contribution for their hard work and services throughout the community:

Samaritan Center: $500.00
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Works In New Directions, Inc. a.k.a. WIND Teen Center: $500.00

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Barbara Roberts (LLACE Board Memeber) accepts check from Alan Morgan for the Lavendar Library

Representatives from each organization were on hand to receive their funds. A special thanks to the GLBT community for all their help and support during the "2002-2003" XXIII Ducal Reign. **Grand Duke Morgan** would like to thank **Regent Grand Duchess XXIII**, **Juliette "Rubbermaid Tupperware" Ashton**, also **ArchDukes; Brent Carter** and **Michael Madonna**, **ArchDuchess Ericka**, and **Lady Cathy.** It was a long year, with a lot of downs, but the ups made it worth our wild and we finished off the year with a fantastic "Ducal Ball 2003". And to **Michael Johnston, II** - President/CEO of C.G.N.I.E for his patients, help and support that made it possible for everyone to make it through.

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Renounce Texas' Anti-Gay, Anti-Disability GOP Platform

Washington, D.C. – Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairman **Terry McAuliffe** called on President Bush to renounce language in the Texas Republican party platform calling for unnecessary and discriminatory changes in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Texas platform inaccurately calls for the immediate removal of persons with "homosexual practices" from protection under the ADA. Since its passage in 1990, the ADA has clearly stated that sexual orientation is not a disability, and as such is not covered under the law. ▼

Family Pride Coalition Commends APA

Provincetown, MA – The Family Pride Coalition commended the American Psychological Association (APA) for its endorsement of marriage equality for same-sex couples at its national annual meeting in Hawaii. The group also expressed opposition to discrimination against gay and lesbian parents. The APA is the nation's largest association of psychologists.

The APA support follows similar gay- and family-friendly resolutions from other respected professional organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the National Association of Social Workers, the National Council on Adoptable Children and the American Psychoanalytic Association.▼

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LAMBDA LETTERS PROJECT

Lambda Letters Project has provided the Legislative Update mid-month to assist groups in doing their last-minute lobbying on the bills they care about most. Lambda Letters Project invite individuals and groups to use this list as a guide to the bills on which they should focus their efforts during the waning days of the legislative session. As of August 5, the list shows the current status of bills being tracked by the Lambda Letters Project.

August is the last month of the state legislative session. The Legislature goes into its final recess for this legislative session at the end of the day, August 31. That means that any bills not sent to the governor by that date are dead. The governor has by September 30th to sign or veto any bills sent to him after August 1. Any bills passed and signed by him by the deadline become effective January 1, 2005. Any bill, however, can become effective as soon as the governor signs it if two-thirds of each house of the state legislature voted to have it take effect immediately. ▼

Listed below are several of many bills listed and tracked by Lambda Letters Project. A complete listing is available by logging on to their website at **www.lambdaletters.org.**

GLBTI Issues

AB 1918 (Cindy Montanez, D–Mission Hills)
Purpose: To allow a school employee, in a school district that is not subject to disability compensation laws, to take up to six weeks off with partial pay to care for a seriously ill child, spouse, parent, or domestic partner, or to bond with a new child.
Status: Approved by the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee. Awaiting a final vote in the Senate.
LLP Position: Support

AB 2208 (Christine Kehoe, D–San Diego)
Purpose: To require that domestic partners be treated equally to married couples by insurance companies with regard to benefits under all kinds of insurance policies regulated by the Department of Insurance.
Status: Awaiting a final vote on the floor of the Senate.
LLP Position: Support

AB 2889 (John Laird, D–Santa Cruz)
Purpose: To make employers responsible for the acts of nonemployees with respect to all forms of harassment (including harassment based on the LGBTI or HIV status of employees) in the workplace where the employer or its agents or supervisors knew, or should have known, of the conduct and failed to take immediate and appropriate corrective action.
Status: Approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.
LLP Position: Support

AB 2900 (John Laird, D–Santa Cruz)
Purpose: To amend nondiscrimination language in California's labor and employment codes to make the language uniform. The nondiscrimination language found in the Fair Employment and Housing Act will be used as the model. Sexual orientation, gender identity, and language protecting women and other minorities will be amended into many of these government codes.
Status: Approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee. Awaiting a final vote in the Senate..
LLP Position: Support

AJR 60 (Sally Lieber, D–San Jose)
Purpose: To approve an Assembly Joint Resolution urging Congress and President Bush to support the Permanent Partners Immigration Act. This act, now being considered in Congress, would allow US citizens to obtain permanent legal US residency for their domestic partners who are citizens of another country.
Status: Approved by Assembly. Sent to Senate Judiciary Committee for a vote.
LLP Position: Support. Currently straight couples can obtain the same result by marriage.

AJR 67 (Dennis Mountjoy, R–Monrovia)
Purpose: To urge Congress to pass a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage in the United States.
Status: Referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee. Hearing cancelled at the author's request. The bill is probably dead.
LLP Position: Oppose

AJR 85 (Mark Leno, D–San Francisco)
Purpose: To urge Congress not to pass a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage in the United States.
Status: Passed the Assembly. Sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee for a vote.
LLP Position: Support

SB 1193 (Nell Soto, D–Ontario)
Purpose: To require the state to pay a $10,000 death benefit to the surviving spouse, or beneficiary designated by the service member, of any member of the California National Guard, State Military Reserve, or Naval Militia who dies or is killed in the performance of state military duty.
Status: Approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Awaiting a final vote in the Assembly.
LLP Position: Support

SB 1234 (Sheila Kuehl, D–Los Angeles)
Purpose: To enact a uniform definition of "hate crime" and direct all state and local agencies to use it exclusively; encourage all law-enforcement agencies to adopt a formal hate-crime protocol; direct law-enforcement agencies to deliver expanded hate crimes training to their officers; and increase penalties for hate crimes.
Status: Approved by the Assembly Public Safety Committee. Sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. Suspense file items are voted on at the last minute.
LLP Position: Support

HIV/AIDS Issues

AB 1925 (Ray Haynes, R–Temecula)
Purpose: To require advance notice to parents, under certain circumstances, of sex or AIDS education to be given in a school and to notify parents that they can remove their children from this education by submitting a written request.
Status: Approved by the Senate. Is in the Assembly for their agreement to changes made to the bill by the Senate.
LLP Position: Oppose

AB 1957 (Dario Frommer, D–Glendale)
Purpose: To require the state to establish a Web site to display price comparisons of prescription drugs, including prices charged by licensed pharmacies in the state and Canadian pharmacies that provide mail-order service to the US that meet certification requirements established under the bill. Also requires the state to consider buying drugs from Canada.
Status: Approved by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.
LLP Position: Support

AB 2871 (Patty Berg, D–Santa Rosa)
Purpose: To make it easier for cities and counties to establish clean needle and syringe exchange programs.
Status: Is on the Assembly floor for a final vote in that house.
LLP Position: Support

AJR 61 (Mark Ridley-Thomas, D–Los Angeles)
Purpose: To urge the US Secretary of Health and Human Services to certify that permitting the importation of prescription drugs from Canada into the US poses no additional risk to the public's health and safety and, in fact, results in a significant reduction in the cost of prescription drugs to the American consumer.
Status: Approved by the Legislature. Sent to Congress.
LLP Position: Support

SB 1149 (Deborah Ortiz, D–Sacramento)
Purpose: To require the state to develop and disseminate information identifying pharmacies in Canada that meet recognized standards for the safe dispensing of dangerous drugs (prescriptions) to California residents. Listed pharmacies must register with the state and pay a $1,500 fee. State also must publicize foreign suppliers that do not meet standards. Information should be posted on the Internet.
Status: Approved by the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. Sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.
LLP Position: Support

SB 1159 (John Vasconcellos, D–San Jose)
Purpose: To authorize a licensed pharmacist to sell hypodermic needles or syringes to a person without a prescription under specified conditions, and to authorize a person to possess up to 10 hypodermic needles or syringes if acquired through an authorized source. This bill comes into force only if SB 1362 is also passed and signed by the governor.
Status: Approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Awaiting a final vote on the Assembly floor.
LLP Position: Support. This would facilitate authorized clean-needle exchange programs around the state.

SB 1362 (Liz Figueroa, D–Fremont)
Purpose: To require local governments to include in their waste management plans a procedure for the safe collection, treatment, and disposal of household hypodermic needles, syringes, and lancets.
Status: Approved by the Legislature. Signed by the governor.
LLP Position: Support

SB 1494 (John Vasconcellos, D–San Jose)
Purpose: To provide that a qualified person with a medical marijuana identification card, or any designated primary caregiver, may possess any amount of marijuana consistent with the medical needs of that qualified person with an identification card.
Status: Approved by the Legislature. Vetoed by the governor.
LLP Position: Support

Social Workers Speak Out on Behalf of Gay Teen

Topeka, KS - In a friend-of-the-court brief filed, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and its Kansas chapter are joining the American Civil Liberties Union in asking the Kansas Supreme Court to reverse the conviction of a teenager who is serving a prison sentence 13 times longer than he would have received if he were heterosexual.

In its brief, the 153,000 member organization of professional social workers debunks the state's claims that the length of Limon's sentence is justified because young people who engage in same-sex intimacy are so impressionable that they may be swayed into becoming gay. The NASW points to social science evidence that same-sex attractions surface much earlier in life - well before puberty - and that one gay sexual experience can't make someone "turn" gay.

In February of 2000, Limon and another male teenager were both students at the same residential school for developmentally disabled youth in Miami County, Kansas. A week after Limon's 18th birthday, he performed consensual oral sex on the other teenager, who was nearly 15 years old - three years, one month and a few days younger. Because Kansas's so-called "Romeo and Juliet" law gives much lighter sentences to heterosexual teenagers who have sex with younger teens but specifically excludes gay teenagers, Limon was sentenced to 17 years in prison. A heterosexual teenager with the same record would serve no longer than 15 months for the same offense.

After the Kansas Court of Appeals upheld the conviction in January, the Kansas Supreme Court agreed to hear the case on August 31. The ACLU had taken Limon's case back to the lower court after the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the court to reconsider the matter in light of the Supreme Court's decision last summer in Lawrence v. Texas, which struck down all same-sex-only sodomy laws. ▼

Info: socialworkers.org

Victory Fund Endorses 50 Candidates in 22 States

Washington, DC – The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund has recently announced endorsement of five more candidates placing its number of endorsed GLBT candidates for public office at 50 for 2004. Endorsements are made at every level of government and more will be announced in the 2004 election cycle. With strategic consideration to the possible path of the anti-gay Federal Marriage Amendment, and the state-level battles over state amendments and referendums, the Victory Fund is also targeting 26 states that lack any openly gay or lesbian members in their legislatures.

Victory Fund endorses GLBT candidates through committee process based on stringent criteria, and in some cases identifies gay and lesbian leaders to run in priority jurisdictions. Victory Fund support includes training, counsel, technical assistance, PAC contributions and fundraising through its donor network. Currently, there are 275 openly GLBT Americans in office, a 500% increase since the founding of Victory Fund in 1991 but a small number compared to the over 511,000 elective offices that make up the nation's federal, state and local governments. ▼

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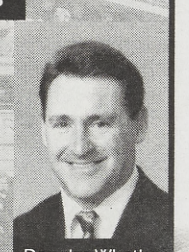
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New York Court Asked To Fast-Track Case

New York, NY -Telling a state court that same-sex couples in New York need the protections and security that marriage provides, **Lambda Legal** will serve court papers today seeking a prompt ruling without a trial in its lawsuit seeking full marriage equality.

Earlier this year, Lambda Legal filed a lawsuit on behalf of five same-sex couples who were denied marriage licenses in New York, arguing that denying marriage to same-sex couples violates the state Constitution's guarantee of equality. The case was the first of its kind to be filed in New York since the Massachusetts high court ruled that same-sex couples are entitled to full marriage under that state's Constitution.

The plaintiffs in Lambda Legal's New York marriage case include: **Daniel Hernandez and Nevin Cohen**, a couple of five years who worry about the lack of protections in times of sickness if one should become ill and they are not married; **Lauren Abrams and Donna Freeman-Tweed**, a couple of six years who seek to marry to help protect their young sons; **Michael Elsasser and Douglas Robinson**, a couple of 17 years who seek to solidify their own family protections while successfully raising two teenage sons; **Mary Jo Kennedy and Jo-Ann Shain**, a couple of 22 years who with their teenage daughter want full respect for their family; and, a couple of three years who would like to start a family someday but worry about doing so without the protections of marriage.

According to the U.S. Census in 2000, New York City has the largest percentage of same-sex households of any city in the country, with 8.9% of the country's total number of households where gay couples live together; statewide, the 2000 Census counted 46,490 same-sex couples throughout New York. City and state laws provide minimal protections and rights to same-sex couples.

In addition to its lawsuit seeking marriage in New York, Lambda Legal is also currently litigating marriage cases in New Jersey, California (with the, **National Center for Lesbian Rights** and **Equality California**), and Washington (with **Northwest Women's Law Center**). ▼

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Where The Wild Kids Are

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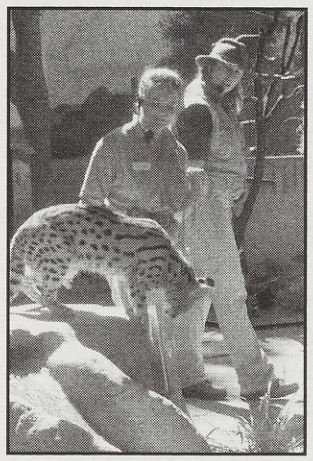

Where The Wild Kids Are will include live performances, arts and crafts, animal talks and games. There will be animal stage shows, dances by Aztec dance troop **Quetzalcoatl Citlalli**, dramatic storytelling by **Crom Saunders** and presentations by **Caterpillar Puppets**. Other activities will include: animal ring toss, sidewalk chalk art, face painting and much more.

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Info: www.saczoo.com.

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Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center's 12th Annual Fundraiser

Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center's (SAEHC) 12th Annual Fairy Tale Town After Hours fundraising event scheduled for Friday, September 10, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. seeks support from local business and community leaders. Fairy Tale Town After Hours is the non-profit agency's only fundraising event each year and provides much needed funds to support the more than 13 programs aimed at helping families transition from homelessness to independence. Last years event raised more than $50,000.00.

Hailed as one of the best community events held each year by local business leader **Sotiris Kolokotronis**, SAEHC's Fairy Tale Town After Hours event features an evening of wine tasting and food from the best local area restaurants, wineries and breweries as well as a silent auction. With attendance each year around 500 people, SAEHC seeks to increase ticket sales and corporate sponsorships at this year's event. With a tightening budget, SAEHC's goal is to raise at least $70,000 at the 12th Annual Fairy Tale Town After Hours event.

SAEHC provides comprehensive services aimed at helping homeless families transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. "Our mission is to provide shelter, assistance and services for members of the community in crisis," said Executive Director **Bonnie Hyer**.

Serving more than 1,500 community members each month, SAEHC provides a multitude of programs. Among the programs supported by the evening's proceeds are a Family Shelter Program, Women's Refuge Program, Extended Shelter Program, Housing Services Program, Children's Protective Services Home Finding Program, Transitional Housing Program for Families, Children's Services Program, Youth Works Program and more. ▼

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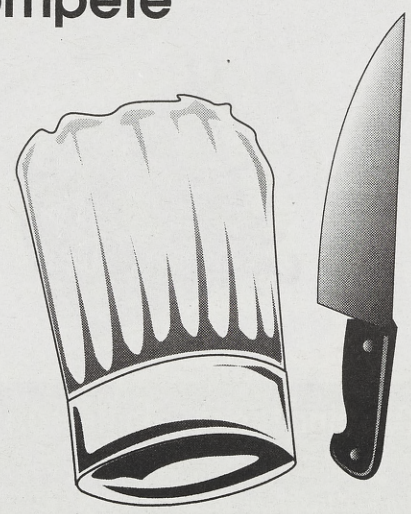
California's Top Chefs Compete



California's top chefs will be on-hand as the American Culinary Federation and The California Capitol Chef's Association holds the exciting "Platinum Chef's Competition" beginning August 20th, at 6pm. This "Iron Chef" competition is being held at the Red Lion Hotel in Sacramento.

The fun begins with an exhilarating ice carving competition. Then watch as top Chef's from all over Northern California compete by cooking their best dish complete with "mystery ingredients". A feast for the eyes and stomach, the cooking competition features great visuals of flaming pots and sizzling foods that will create an amazing blend of tastes.

The Platinum Chef's competition is open to the public and tickets are available in advance for $25 or at the door for $ 30.00. Ticket price includes complimentary hors'doeuvre buffet prepared by the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento's Chef **Ruben Palacios**. A no host bar will be available. ▼

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Gay And Lesbian Weddings

Planning the perfect same-sex ceremony

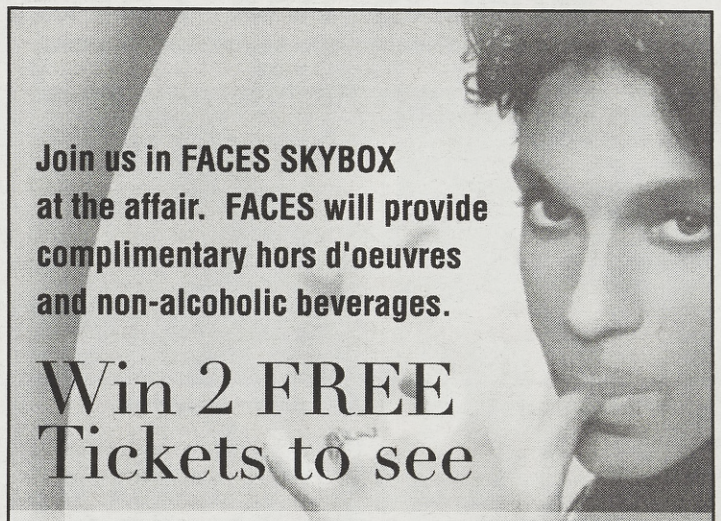
By Katrina Torres
MGW Staff

So you or someone you know has decided to get married. At one time, you didn't have that option. But with the eventuality of same-sex marriage looming on the not-so-distant horizon, many couples are choosing to formalize their loving relationships with a good old-fashioned wedding ceremony. And why not? Loving and choosing to spend the rest of your life with that special someone is about the best cause for celebration that I can think of.

So now what do you do? While there are a lot of ways that same-sex marriages parallel straight marriages, there are some important differences that your straight friends couldn't help you with in a million years. As a same-sex couple, you'll be facing challenges your heterosexual friends never had to deal with. Your best friends Hiedi's nuptials may have been the perfect wedding of the century, but ask her advice on some of the stuff you need to know, and you're going to draw a blank stare. The loose-lower-lip kind.

So where do you go to find answers to the myriad questions you find yourself asking as a same-sex couple planning on "tying the knot"? And there are questions. What exactly does marriage mean for a gay or lesbian couple? Where can we find out what the current laws are? Who pays for what (traditionally the father of "the bride"- uh, which one's the "bride")? How do we handle homophobic family members, or locate gay-friendly services? How do we word the invitations? And what about the honeymoon, where can we find gay friendly hotels and resorts? What if we want the honeymoon suite?

This indispensable guide will answer these questions and more. Authors David Toussaint and Heather Leo entertain and amuse, while walking you step by step through the entire process; from deciding what kind of wedding best suits your personalities, to finding the perfect caterer and florist, how to locate someone to officiate, and right on down to the nitty-gritty on arranging a honeymoon that fulfills all of your fantasies. With resources and tips galore, Gay and Lesbian Weddings is full of tips and advice addressing the special needs of the gay or lesbian couple. Get this book, and all your friends will want to model their weddings on yours. ▼



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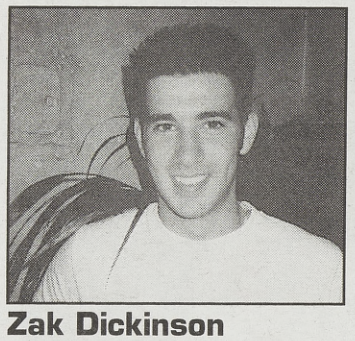
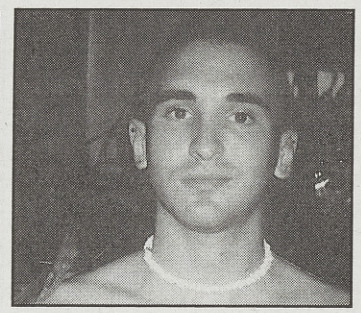


Zak Dickinson
Sacramento
College Student

I love gymnastics and I'm a cheer leader at school. I love the social and dance scene at BoJangles and I go four-wheeling at Folsom Lake!

Jennifer Bardon
Sacramento
Exotic Dancer

I love to swim in the Yuba River! I also love to dance professionally at Richards Blvd. Adult Club, and I love spending time with my pets!

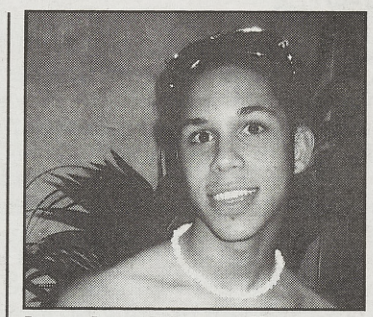


Steve Delvecchio
San Francisco
Student

I love running on the beach in San Francisco at dusk. I love camping in Washington State with my friends, and pride events in S.F. and Sacramento!

Lewis Hernandez
Los Angeles
College Student

My favorite thing is going to pool parties and dancing with hot guys on Wednesdays at Bo's! I also love San Francisco's circuit scene!



Landon Martell
Walnut Creek
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My favorite summer thing is cruising the Santa Cruz Boardwalk! I love to jet-ski at Lake Tahoe and bonfires on my beach property there. My summer would not be complete without my great friends!

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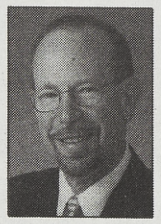

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Adams Rib Never Tasted So Good!

By Katrina Torres
MGW Staff

I had to work on the Fourth of July, so I missed out on the barbecued rib and fireworks thing, and I must admit, I was feeling deprived, with a capitol D. I never turn my back on a good BBQ. I've been known to follow my nose up the street or whip my car off a major thoroughfare to track down the wafting aroma of a quintessential summer grillfest. BBQ's are my thing. If I were straight I would swoon over Bobby Flay, as I do over his grill technique. The man is a god.

I have a great appreciation for fine grilled food, which I can never seem to get enough of. Grilling is the original method of cooking food. It's cooking at it's most basic; food, fire and something to hold the food over the fire. What could be simpler, or better? Grilling is an art form, perfected by generations of passionate culinary artists devoted to the sublimely hedonistic pursuit of all that pleases the tongue. And the serious progress they have made is well reflected at Tony Roma's.

The outside and interior of the restaurant are solidly built and attractive, the recurring theme being seasoned brick, dark polished wood, brass and deep booths. It gives off a very warm and settled feeling. The entrance area has comfortable seating, in case you can't get a table right away, a problem we never had. Or you can wait at the full bar, people watch, enjoy a microbrew on tap, and eat free peanuts. The bar is cozy and intimate but not too small, with four color TV's, sports memorabilia and a half-dozen small dining tables.

The menu prices are reasonable, and the selection good. You can get Baby Back Ribs, St. Louis Style Ribs, Bountiful Beef Ribs, BBQ Chicken, grilled sausage, Steaks, burgers and the Seafood Catch of the Day, at market price. And you can get any or all of it doused with your choice of sauces; Original, Carolina Honey's, Blue Ridge Smokies (my favorite), and Tony Roma's Red Hots. There are squeeze bottles of all four sauces at each table, for those of us who like to try anything at least once or even mix it up! You can also buy the sauces singly or in a 4-pack to go (and you'll want to). And don't forget to check out the lunch specials, an excellent value at $6.00 apiece.

Cher and I were starved, so we ordered some serious appetizers: the Beef Ribsters With Fried Onion Garnish and the Roma's Triple Play Sampler; a trilogy of excellent hot wings, Mozzarella sticks, and cheese and bacon laden Potato Skins with three dipping sauces, all laid out on a bed of crisp, flavorful Tobacco Onions. The Beef Ribsters were tender and flavorful, as beef ribs (my favorite) should be. Even better, they were cut small and easy to handle, resulting in more good stuff in the mouth and less on the face. The Mozzarella sticks, warm French bread with herb butter, Hot Wings (8 ½ on the scale) and the cheese and bacon slathered Potato Skins were worth braving rush hour traffic for. Several times.

Our second trip was a real test. We wanted to order all the wonderful things we had eaten the time before. But we held fast, and swore to explore unfamiliar ground. We started with the artistically presented Half Onion Loaf (4.99) and the Baked Potato Soup (4.99 for a bowl.) Both were very good. The Onion Loaf was as good as its reputation and good fun food (sort of a peel and eat thing). The Baked Potato soup was delicious, creamy and rich. We ordered a couple of beef ribs on the side, and they were meaty, tender and flavorful. As a beef rib connoisseur, I was very happy to strike gold.

For her entrée, Cher ordered the Carolina Honey's BBQ Salmon, a grilled Salmon fillet brushed with Carolina Honey's sauce and served with Corn Fritter Casserole and Cole Slaw. Since the Corn Fritter Casserole had been discontinued and she's not a slaw fan, she chose the French Fries and Merlot Mushrooms to accompany the fish. The Merlot Mushrooms were outstanding; plump and full of flavor. I must admit that the fries were also pretty good; although I'd decided not to indulge, I'm partial to the skin-

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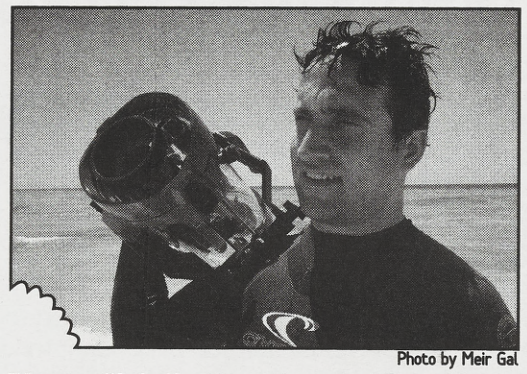


Photo by Meir Gal
Director Chris Kentis on the set of Open Water

I vividly remember the first time I joined a dive boat off the coast of Florida to swim in the Atlantic. Unlike the chilling Pacific, this ocean was bathwater-warm - and teeming with fish, including small sharks. Although I was there only to go snorkeling, not scuba diving, it was important to the boat's crew to take roll call throughout the day. After all, they didn't want to leave anyone behind, now did they?

Open Water

Starring **Blanchard Ryan and Daniel Travis**
Written, Edited and Directed by **Chris Kentis**
(Rated R, 79 min.)

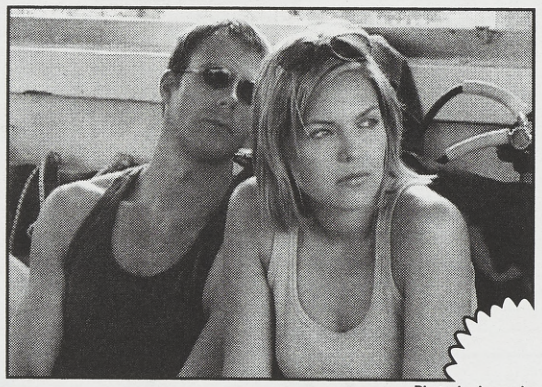


Photo by Laura Lau
Blanchard Ryan and Daniel Travis in Open Water

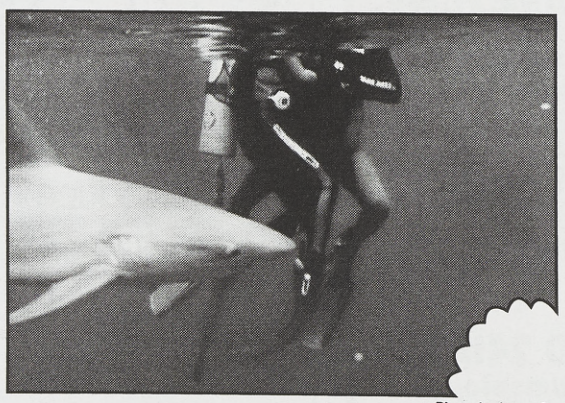


Photo by Laura Lau
Up close with the sharks on the set of Open Water

Chris Kentis' film Open Water imagines what happens to a vacationing couple when their worst fears are realized: The boat that brings them to the open ocean heads back without them.

Daniel (**Daniel Travis**) and Susan (**Blanchard Ryan**) are two workaholics who need a vacation more than they realize. As scuba enthusiasts - he more than she - they travel to the tropics to relax far from their cell phones and e-mail, soak up the sun, and go diving.

Unfortunately for them, their fascination with the underwater scenery keeps them out longer than everyone else on their boat. Even worse, a snafu causes one of the crew to count two people twice, leading them to think that all is on board. (Too bad they don't do a real roll call.)

So the couple surfaces and finds themselves alone in the open ocean, too far from land to swim and too small to be seen by the boats maddeningly close on the horizon.

Open Water is one of those cinematic experiments that filmmakers love to pull off. Directors big and small have toyed with ideas like filming a movie in a single take, mimicking real time from start to finish, or filming everything in a lifeboat (albeit on a soundstage). Like a poet who writes in structured haiku instead of free verse, a filmmaker who takes on such an assignment has to contend with specific limitations that do not apply to ordinary films.

For audiences, these experiments can be exhilarating because they get to see something quite different than the usual fare. But such forays into the unknown can also turn out to be complete busts, either because the gimmick does not sustain the length of a feature film or because the experimentation gets in the way of the storytelling.

Open Water treads the fine line between success and failure. The concept is brilliant and the challenge is great. The film has to make the actors connect with audiences even though they appear only from the waist up. The film has to have enough going on to hold one's interest past twenty minutes.

One on level, the film succeeds by putting audiences in the position of the doomed protagonists. We are paddling in the ocean alongside them. The camera's bobbing and occasional submerging is enough to make landlubbers feel uneasy. And for those of you who succumb easily to seasickness, Dramamine may be a preferable snack to Raisinettes.

On another, perhaps more crucial, level, Open Water fails by not artistically expanding its inherent constraints. As we watch Daniel and Susan come to terms with their dire predicament, and as we learn that being stranded in the ocean means more than treading water - it also means staying away from poisonous jellyfish and ravenous sharks. Keeping a level head is important, too, but made difficult when dehydration and fatigue set in, not to mention emotions when one's doom seems certain.

What is missing ultimately is real tension to keep us riveted. There's plenty of the thespian kind but there are only vain attempts at the cinematic kind. Director Kentis tries to contrast the couple's situation with what others are normally doing by showing tourists partying the night away in various hotspots: eating food, drinking cocktails, and socializing. He even shows the beginnings of a rescue attempt after people realize the next day that the couple's tote bag is still on the dive boat and they are missing from their hotel room.

But Kentis' script fails to heighten tensions meaningfully between the couple's apparent fate at sea and the audience's desire to save them from that end.

So instead of a brilliant film we have an acceptable one. Thankfully the ending is shocking, sudden, and uncontrived. And you're glad to walk out of the theater on dry land. ▼

Open Water opens August 20 at area theaters
Info: www.openwatermovie.com

Photo by Laura Lau
Daniel Travis & Blanchard Ryan in Open Water

The Fantasticks Was Marvelous

By Merle Exit
MGW Staff

Try to remember the kind of September when I first saw **The Fantasticks**, the longest running musical in the world. It opened May of 1960 and only recently (2002) closed its doors at the New York City's Greenvich Village locale. I was, and still am, a native New Yorker.

It's always a challenge when I attend a performance outside of my venue, considering how hyped up the Broadway scene can be and one that I've seen. It wasn't until I took a trip to Toronto that I experienced "Mamma Mia" and "The Lion King", and so I had nothing to compare it to.

On July 23rd, Music Circus at the Wells Fargo Pavilion staged a performance of "The Fantasticks". Unfortunately it only lasted for one week.

Just in case there are a handful of you that are not privy to the plot (although I can't imagine that you guys wouldn't know the lyrics to every song), I'll give you a "brief" description. The Narrator (**Norm Lewis**) tells us of two fathers, Bellomy (**Steve Routman**) and Hucklebee (**Don Mayo**), next door neighbors, who would like to see their offspring marry each other. Hucklebee has a son, Matt (**James Snyder**) and Bellomy has a daughter, Luisa (**Yuka Takara**). I've always wondered who their mother's were.

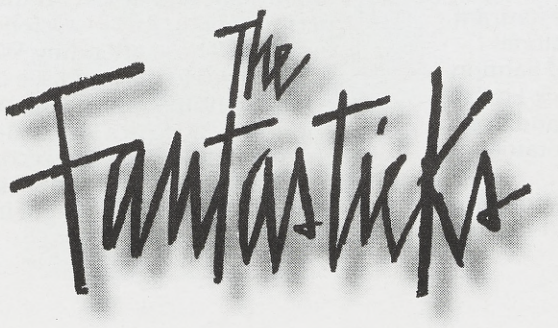
They figured that the best way to persuade them is simply to forbid them, as teenagers Matt and Luisa would never agree to an arranged marriage. Bellomy and Hucklebee invent a feud pretending to be bitter enemies and even go as far as erecting a wall (The Mute, played by **Debbi Fuhrman**). Matt and Luisa do find romance but are torn apart as they argue over the family feud.

The father then hire actors, The Actor, Henry (**Sal Mistretta**), The Man Who Dies, Mortimer (**Chris Weilkel**) and El Gallo (who also plays the Narrator), to stage an attempted abduction upon Luisa and have Matt save her. And so on, and so on.

I thought the show to have an interesting racially mixed cast. A bit odd. An African-American actor having a WASP-appearing son and a Caucasian actor with an Asian-American daughter. Hey, with no mom it made me wonder if the two dads weren't a couple with adopted kids.

That did not, however, take away from the performance and the talent. The show, done in the "round" did not lack the least bit of professionalism. The singing voices were up to par and I especially love watching the antics of Mortimer, who plays it all for belly laughs and rightfully did get them. Again, for those who have never seen the show, "Try To Remember" is the most well known number. I, however, being a member of CRAFT, tend to start the song and forget the rest of the words.

I would not hesitate to see a Music Circus performance. **The Scarlet Pimpernel** (This is a must see…take my word) will have a week run, August 17-24th and Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's rock opera "**Jesus Christ Superstar**" is a having two week season finale run beginning August 24th. ▼



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I DO, I DO, A TRIP TO P'TOWN

By Merle Exit
MGW Staff

Picture an old New England village, Town Hall vs. City Hall. It is a peninsula of beauty with the ocean on one side and bay on the other. The water brings clean sandy beaches, dunes and boats for whale watching or cruising of either sort. Shops, restaurants, bars, inns and nightclubs line the two main streets that stretch from the east to the west ends of town. Now, make it Greenwich Village and you've got the gist of P'Town.

Rob Tosner Executive Director of the Provincetown Business Guild, co-owner of White Wind, and Erin is co-owner of Secret Garden Inn.

Provincetown, Massachusetts, not to be mistaken for Providence Rhode Island, is most likely the only town in the United States that can be categorized as "straight friendly" and the thousands of tourists who visit every year are hopefully given advanced warning.

Gay couples are making pilgrimages to this destination "due to one little word, married". It is here that in 1620 the Mayflower first landed and despite the rumors of their leaving because of the gay population, the fact was that after five weeks, the Pilgrims realized that although they had signed the Mayflower Compact, the land was not ripe for planting.

Almost 300 years later the Pilgrim Monument was built standing as the tallest all-granite erection in the United States. Sight this site and you know your "going home". For the mere $7 price of the admission, which allows you to view the museum and climb to the top, you can use the grounds to stage your wedding ceremony, dubbing it as a "monumental victory" for gay couples.

Town Hall, better known as the "meet market" or "meat market" has become more than just the place to cruise. Bring a hankie and watch the ceremonies begin. If not there, celebrate the couples on the beach.

Many of the inns and B&Bs have also become the site for sentimental eyes. Rob and Michael are the owners of pet friendly White Wind Inn. The inn's "great room", leading out to the veranda, has a fireplace, grand piano and a few soft couches. The dining area and kitchen abut the room providing an intimate space to further the ceremony.

The 1830 Captain House, Secret Garden Inn has a glorious outdoor garden equipped with a Gazebo and hot tub. There is one of those "water flowing on rocks" machines near the entrance and due to the inn's alley locale you are unaware of the sounds coming from either Bradford or Commercial Streets.

The Oxford, so named for the now married proprietors, Trevor and Steven, who met at England's Oxford University is on the west end of town. A Japanese granite fountain provides background music as a back deck surrounds a spruce tree that sits amidst varieties of hosta. Then there is the country garden with a "Kew" fountain, brick pathways and flower beds.

Gay couples are making pilgrimages to this destination "due to one little word... married"

Deck out at their "sister" property, The Beaconlight, which purports the largest 3rd floor roof deck in P'Town. The height will allow you background photos of some great landscape and sunset views. Indoor offers and English House country room with a grand piano. Perhaps you can have **Bobby Weatherbee** perform the vocal and instrumental portion.

On the corner of Bradford and Carver sits the famous Gifford House Inn. It should be since they've been in business for 140 years. Talk about utilizing a building. Aside from having accommodations, there are two bars and a restaurant. Go upstairs and hang out at the legendary Porch Bar or head down to the basement and kick up your heals in Purgatory. Gifford's Stillwater, a fine-dining restaurant, is the new kid on the block. Exceptional seafood entrees like Grilled Stacked Salmon, layered with fresh spinach and Black Forest ham, served with champagne Hollandaise sauce, roasted rosemary mashed potatoes and vegetable du jour.

Speaking of food, Lobster Pot is still going. **Joy McNulty** may be the owner, but it's her son Tim that's responsible for what goes into your mouth and down your throat. Best place to get lobster and crabs.

Another addition to P'Town's food scene is one that should be placed in the "cheap and good" column. Wrap your mouth around Big Daddy's Burritos, located in the old aquarium mall. For those of you who have been making your trek after the late 1970's, there was an actual aquarium in this spot.

Some of shops have set up a wedding registry. However, if you're not willing or ready to get hitched, or just want to treat yourself to something extravagant, Provincia, located on the west end of town, has wonderful Portuguese and international items. Campana Pinto Gifts and Gallery, is a source for Italian accents for the home, garden, and table. It's a bit hidden receding from Commercial Street, across from Spiritus, the other "meet" market.

Checking out the women owned accommodations, there's Fairbanks Inn at 90 Carver (805-487-0386). **Lynette Molnar** and **Sabrina Riddle** are the owners of this Colonial mansion. Good place for a wedding. Aside from having a penthouse, total privacy is offered in studio apartment, complete with kitchen and own entrance.

Lynn Mogell and **Sarah Peake** recently tied the knot in P'Town. They are the owners of Heritage House, 7 Centre St., 805-487-3692) What's more is that Sarah is running for State Representative. At least we know where she stands on the issue of gay marriage.

Theatre is back in P'Town with the Provincetown Theatre Company and Provincetown Repertory Theatre. Their new home is located at 238 Bradford St. Most of the performances, July1 – October 16 will be at this location. Those attending Women's Week in October get to play and see one.

Not wanting to drive I flew into Boston and took Cape Air…a 9-seater plane. Do they classify it as a DC ½? A second option is to fly into Boston and take the 90-minute high-speed ferry. Either way, get there if you can. ▼

National Homeless Animals Day Candlelight Vigil

Each year, on the third Saturday in August animal welfare groups from around the world have commemorated homeless animals who have died in shelters for lack of good homes. This event was begun in 1992 to publicize dog and cat overpopulation in its overwhelming magnitude, to increase public awareness of the millions of dogs and cats killed in shelters annually and to emphasize the importance of spaying and neutering companion animals. In Sacramento County alone, more than 23,000 dogs and cats died last year in our three shelters.

Candlelight vigils are held, collars and cards of animals who have died are read, poems and prose are recited as people gather to pay respect to those animals that have passed on. These events are often planned and carried out by compassionate shelter personnel who must kill these animals everyday, feeling the grief and hopelessness silently and alone.

Here in Sacramento County, our shelters (**City of Sacramento Animal Care Services and County of Sacramento Animal Care and Regulation**) along with other animal welfare groups will co-host a candlelight vigil on the "Village Green" at **William Land Park from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on August 21**. Everyone who cares about the plight of homeless animals is invited to attend and share in the commemoration.

The Keynote Speaker will be **Diane Leigh**, animal advocate and author of "One At A Time", a heart-rending profile of a week in an American animal shelter. Diane is also the originator of the candlelight vigils that are now presented throughout the country. Her non-profit organization, "No Voice Unheard", (**www.novoiceunheard.org**) continues to work toward the improvement of animals' lives in every capacity. A book signing will follow the ceremonies.

In addition, the City of Sacramento City Council members, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors shelter directors, animal control officers, shelter personnel and community animal welfare members will read poetry, share tender moments and express their feelings concerning the plight of these animals. The public is encouraged to attend this event. Bring a blanket or chair and memorial items for the "table of remembrances". ▼

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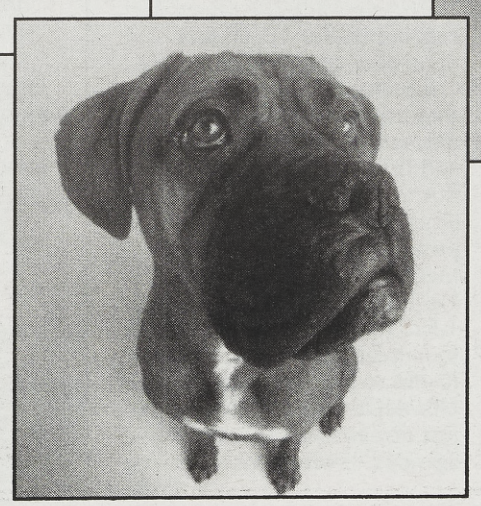

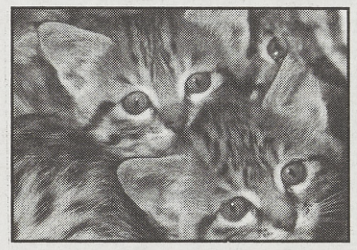

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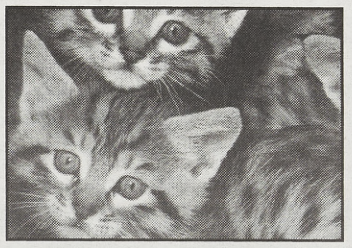

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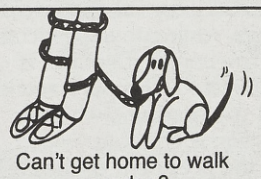

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HIV Newsline

On the HIV Front

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

A Note From Sonya...

Beginning with the September 1 issue of MGW, this column will return to its 1980's publication schedule, and appear in the first issue of the month, rather than twice monthly.

FDA Approves Drug To Treat Loss Of Facial Fat...

The Food and Drug Administration has approved Sculptra to treat the loss of facial fat that can leave the faces of people with HIV looking thin or shrunken. The substance, a form of polymer, has been used for decades to make dissolvable stitches. Since 1999, it has been used as an injectable cosmetic wrinkle filler in Europe.

The specific cause of the loss of facial fat isn't known, but it appears to be associated with HIV therapies. It affects 20-50 percent of people to some degree, and impacts quality of life for those who are most severely affected.

In announcing its approval, FDA cited studies showing that Sculptra improved facial shape and appearance when injected into sunken areas of faces of those with HIV. The improvements may last two years, and FDA notes that repeat treatments may be necessary as the substance breaks down. Skin nodules, redness, swelling and bruising after injection are among the side effects.

But because studies to date have focused mainly on white men, FDA is requiring Sculptra's maker, Dermik Labs, to conduct a five-year study with 100 participants, and must include at least 30 women and 30 people with dark skin. (In similar, unapproved, treatments, the light tint of the injected materials can sometimes allow it to be visible underneath darker skin, requiring that it be injected to a deeper level.)

Sculptra should be used only by health professionals familiar with Dermik's training materials, says the FDA. ▼

Hawaii Gets Grant From CDC...

As part of its Advancing HIV Prevention Initiative, CDC has awarded $404,600 to Hawaii's largest AIDS organization, the Life Foundation. Funds from the initiative support counseling, voluntary HIV testing, referral and education services, and intervention programs for people with HIV, their partners, and those at high risk for infection. ▼

Health System Overhaul Calls For Names Reporting...

As proposals to reorganize California's health and welfare system are debated, the proposal to track new HIV cases by name rather than by anonymous code has come up again, and seems likely to provoke continued emotional debate. California requires codes for HIV reporting, and names for AIDS reporting. Thirty-six other states use names for both HIV and AIDS reporting, and the Center for Disease Control says it considers code-based reporting to be unreliable.

Under a 2002 regulation, California doctors and labs report new HIV cases to the state using an alpha-numeric code rather than a name. But the panel currently pursuing government streamlining says the code-based system is less accurate and more complex than the name-based system, and that it puts $50 million in federal funding at risk (as federal funding is based on the number of cases in each state). The panel's report also indicates the code system is labor-intensive and suggests that the Office of AIDS lacks the money to accurately evaluate it.

Some medical professionals and AIDS activists endorse the change, while others criticize it. "The unique identifier is complicated to report, and it's hard to determine whether a person is counted twice," says the president of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, which operates 12 HIV clinics in California. On the other hand, says the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, there are people at risk who will not get tested with a names-based system. ▼

HIV Is Not South Africa's Biggest Transfusion Risk...

South Africans needing a blood transfusion are at a greater risk of receiving the wrong blood type than accidentally being infected with HIV, says a report by that country's National Blood Service.

Of 881,000 blood transfusions in 2003, the report showed that just two recipients became infected with HIV, and those infections occurred because the blood was donated during a "window period" soon after the donor was infected. This one-in-390,000 risk compared favorably with developed nations and is a significant achievement considering the South Africa's high prevalence of HIV, said a South African hematologist.

On the other hand, the risk of receiving the wrong blood type -- which can be fatal -- was one in 31,000. d transfusion policies. ▼

FDA Approves Two Drug Combos...

The FDA has approved two new combination AIDS drugs designed to simplify treatment. Epzicom, from GlaxoSmithKline, combines its drugs Epivir (3TC) and Ziagen (Abacavir) into a once-daily pill. Truvada, from Gilead Science, combines its drugs Viread (Tenofovir) and Emtriva into a once-daily pill. The new combinations are approved for use together with other HIV drugs from different drug classes.

The Bush administration has resisted spending money from the promised $15-billion US international AIDS effort on combination drugs, arguing they had not been proven safe.

Health officials, under pressure from AIDS activists and some lawmakers, set up an approval process to verify that the combinations meet US standards. A spokesperson from the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator said officials will now consider purchasing the new drugs.

Glaxo and Gilead say they intend to offer the medicines to needy nations at "no-profit" prices. Glaxo also said it would give a free, 60-day supply of Epzicom to people in the United States.

Easier-to-take combination drugs are seen as key to the aggressive treatment of the global epidemic. The FDA says the pills "will be especially useful in our efforts to speed the availability of safe and effective fixed-dose combination products to those who need them in this country and developing countries."

But the medical adviser to Doctors Without Borders said, "I don't think [the new combinations] will be a help to poor countries." The cheaper generic combinations already in use are more helpful, he said, because they combine three drugs rather than two, making treatment simpler. ▼

Santa Clara AIDS Agency May Be Closed...

A plan to shut down the Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Office is alarming community workers. The idea was presented as part of a hastily assembled plan, called for by the County Executive, to cut almost $2.3 million from the health department's budget of about $90 million. If enacted, the move would lay off 20 workers from the health department's staff, and cut HIV community outreach and other public health services. Some of the office's functions would be taken over by another agency responsible for TB, disease control and HIV/AIDS.

County officials responded that people would not be significantly affected by the cuts, and that the changes would not take effect until 2006. AIDS workers, however, see the proposal as evidence that commitment to HIV/AIDS is diminishing in the county, where about 1,525 people have AIDS. "In the fourth-largest county in California, to not have a designated HIV/AIDS office strikes me as just not acceptable," said the agency's director. ▼

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As long as you are remembered, you live!

To add the names of loved ones to MGW's remembrance column, call 737-0309.

West Nile Virus

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FAQ's

What is West Nile virus?
West Nile virus (WNV) is a mosquito-borne disease that is common in Africa, west Asia and the Middle East .

When was West Nile virus first found in the United States?
West Nile virus was first detected in the United States in New York in 1999. Since then, WNV has spread to 46 states, Canada, and Mexico.

How does someone get West Nile virus?
People usually get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. There is also evidence that WNV can be acquired via a blood transfusion or organ transplant from an infected donor.

What are the symptoms and treatment?
Most people who are bitten by a mosquito with WNV will not get sick. People who do become ill may experience mild to moderate flu-like symptoms like fever, headache and body ache. It is estimated that less than 1% of the people who are infected with WNV become severely ill and require hospitalization. The elderly and immunocompromised are particularly susceptible to illness caused by WNV. Currently there is no specific treatment for WNV infection. Since it is a virus it does not respond to antibiotics. In severe cases hospitalization and supportive care is important. If you have symptoms of West Nile virus, call your doctor.

How can people protect themselves?
Avoid spending time outside at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are active. They are especially active for two hours after sunset. When outdoors, wear long pants, long sleeve shirts and other protective clothing.
Apply insect repellent containing DEET according to label instructions.
Make sure that doors and windows have tight fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes. Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding.

What are state and local agencies doing to control the spread of West Nile virus?
California has a long history of conducting surveillance for mosquito-borne viruses and has taken active steps to ensure early detection of WNV. Due to ongoing collaboration between over 70 local mosquito and vector control agencies and state public agencies, California is well prepared to detect, monitor, and respond to WNV. These agencies use a variety of scientific techniques and products to control mosquitoes in their earliest stages and play a key role in reducing the risk of WNV. Also California has launched a statewide public education effort about personal protection measures and reporting dead birds.

Why is the public urged to report dead birds?
The public is encouraged to assist in the efforts to detect and monitor WNV by calling the WNV hotline if they find a crow, raven, magpie, jay, sparrow, finch, or hawk that has been dead for about a day. Birds play an important role in maintaining and spreading this virus. Mosquitoes acquire the virus from infected birds, and then transmit the virus to people. Evidence of the virus in dead birds is often the first indication that WNV has been introduced into a new region. DHS has set up a toll free hotline for the public to report dead birds: 877-WNV-BIRD

Facts

Humans:
As of August 10, 2004, a total of 116 WNV infections have been reported from the following local health jurisdictions: San Bernardino (55), Los Angeles (34) [includes Long Beach (1) and Pasadena (1) cities], Riverside (19), Orange (2), Imperial (1), Kern (2), Fresno (2), and Tulare (1) counties. Seven of these WNV infections were initially detected in asymptomatic individuals through screening done at blood banks - one of these individuals later became symptomatic. Of the 110 WNV cases with symptoms, 51 are classified as West Nile fever cases, 49 are classified as West Nile neuroinvasive disease, and 10 are of unknown status. There have been 4 fatalities to date in California in the following counties: Orange (1), San Bernardino (1), and Los Angeles (2) [including Long Beach (1)].

Equines:
The California Department of Food and Agriculture confirmed 18 WNV equine cases from Riverside (9), San Bernardino (5), Tehama (2), Shasta (1), and Kern (1) counties last week, bringing the yearly total to 62. This represents the first equine cases in the counties of Shasta and Tehama. Thirty-three horses have been euthanized or have died after being infected with WNV.

Dead Birds:
The following nine new counties detected WNV in dead birds last week: Alameda (3), Glenn (7), Humboldt (1), Marin (1), Placer(1), Solano(1), Sonoma(2), Stanislaus (1), and El Dorado (1). An additional 134 WNV positive dead birds were reported last week from Los Angeles (45), Butte (21), Orange (14), Riverside (8), Shasta (8), Kern (9), Santa Clara (7), Fresno (4), Sacramento (4), Ventura (3), Mendocino (1), San Diego (2), Tehama (4), and Tulare (1). In 2004, a total of 1,249 WNV positive dead birds have been detected in California.

Mosquito Pools and Sentinel Chickens:
A total of 73 mosquito pools tested positive for WNV last week from Los Angeles (31), San Bernardino (7), Riverside (6), Fresno (4), Sacramento (4), Sutter (3), and Shasta (2) counties, thus bringing the yearly total to 414. This represents the first report of WNV activity in Sutter County and the first positive mosquitoes from Sacramento and Shasta counties, where WNV was previously detected in dead birds. Seventy-three chickens from Imperial (12), Riverside (41), and San Bernardino (20) counties seroconverted to WNV last week, bringing the yearly total to 200.

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Athens Olympic Preview

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There are thirty-six sporting events taking place over the two week competition (Aug. 13-29). The following sports and athletes are just a preview of what to look for in the 2004 Games:

Basketball: Men and women are the two-time defending champions; Seeking stellar performances and leadership from Sacramento Monarch's own **Yolanda Griffith** and the young and talented **Diana Taurasi** (Phoenix Mercury). The men's basketball team is a very young team being led by **Allen Iverson** and **Carmelo Anthony**.

Diving: Defending gold medalist **Laura Wilkinson** returns to Athens on the platform for the women's team. The men's team will be led by brothers **Justin and Troy Dumais**.

Gymnastics: New and very exciting teams look to be two of the heavy favorites for both the men and women's gymnastics teams. Combined with youth and the ageless **Annia Hatch** and **Mohini Bhardwaj**, the current (women's) world champions are looking stronger than the 1996 Gold medal winning team. The men's team is also looking like a medal favorite behind the consistency of the **Hamm twins (Paul and Morgan).**

Softball: Always exciting and challenging between the Americans, China, and Australia once again looking to be competitive. The USA team is being led by veteran pitcher **Lisa Fernandez** and **Michelle Smith**. They are also on a 49-game win streak.

Swimming: Another young and talented phenom, **Michael Phelps** has dominated American swimming in the past year and looks to continue to do so in six different events in Athens. Another ageless star, is in her fourth Olympics, with ten medals total, and hopes to finally capture her first individual gold.

Tennis: After another injury prone year thus far, **Venus and Serena Williams** travel to Athens as the defending doubles champion and Venus the defending singles champion. Despite a lack of playing time, both are determined to repeat as champions. Along with the young Bryan brothers (doubles), the men's tennis team is led by world's #2 ranked player, **Andy Roddick**. With a very solid year under his belt so far, the team is hopeful of Roddick's success in Athens.

Track and Field: Sacramento's own **Jaime Nieto**, local Auburn native **Stacy Dragila**, and the powerful **Gail Devers** are headlining track and field in Athens. Despite a drug-infested year, track and field will likely dominate the games as usual.

Volleyball: Currently ranked #2 in the world, the US Women's Volleyball team is looking to have a clear shot at the gold medal match. After having a superb year, the team led by America's most decorated player in history, Tara Cross-Battle and Stanford standouts **Logan Tom** and **Oganna Nnamani**. The men on the other hand are not doing as well, yet still have high hopes of coming out on top.

Athens, Greece is finally ready to host the 2004 Games, with its five star hotel, and very satisfactory accommodations for athletes. In the Olympic Village the athletes will be treated to a huge dining hall, a residential center with laundry facilities, pool tables, video game consoles, weight rooms, swimming pools, and internet access.

For further information including a schedule of events and a television airtime schedule, please visitwww.msnbc.com

Adams Rib Never Tasted So Good

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on variety and kept going back for "just one more", carbs be damned! The Salmon, however, was a bit overdone and therefore not quite what you'd call tender around the edges, although the flavor was intact and the Carolina Honey's Sauce was quite good.

As for my dinner selection I found myself riding the fence, unable to decide which kind of savory indulgence would best satisfy my appetite. I ended up choosing The Ultimate Feast; a grilled food orgy composed of Sizzling Carolina Honey's St. Louis Style Ribs, a BBQ Quarter Chicken, and grilled sausage, served with corn on the cob and coleslaw. The pork ribs were pretty good, among the best I've found in Sacramento so far, and I must admit that I'm pretty picky. The chicken was juicy and cooked all the way through but still moist. The sausage was also tasty, although like the Salmon, it was just a tad more done than it had to be. The corn was excellent, the kernels sweet and bursting with flavor. I shamelessly gnawed on the empty cob and lusted for more. The coleslaw, however, was completely blah, a generous serving of limp, shredded cabbage tossed with plain, flavorless mayo. No zip, no tang, no sweetness, no redeeming features at all (it sort of reminded me of my ex). Although I tried to extol myself on the benefits of fiber, I couldn't eat it. Our lovely and efficient server, Jennelle, brought me an order of the fabulous Merlot Mushrooms to take its place, and the world was right again.

Tony Roma's also offers a "Nada Lotta Carbs" menu. You can be good and still pig out on a slab of ribs with Nada Carb BBQ Sauce, or enjoy a half pound Big Beef Bunless Burger, smothered with 3 cheeses and bacon. "Nada Lotta Carb" entrees are served with a low carb salad and steamed broccoli.

For you folks who still revel in your carbs, you can enjoy deep fried Chicken Tenderloins, South Miami Fried Shrimp, the Buffalo Chicken Sandwich, Spinach Artichoke Dip with warm tortilla chips, grilled sandwiches and burgers hot off the grill, or decadent looking desserts that I deeply regret that we didn't have room for. You can also order one of 7 salads, some homemade soup or the soup and salad combo.

Tony Roma's is famous for their ribs, and while almost everything we tried was pretty darn good, it's for the ribs that I'll be going back. It's hard to find good beef ribs, folks, and so far I can't think of anyplace else that can top these (or the pork ribs, for that matter). There are plenty of mediocre ribs out there, but you won't find any here. The BBQ sauce selection has something to please every palate, and since you can always taste them all before you order, you can't go wrong. You can even order party trays, buy a Tony Roma's Gift Card, or order online at **www.tonyromas.com**.

Tony Roma's is located at 1441 Howe Avenue. There's plenty of parking around back. They can be reached at (916) 922-8787, and will graciously prepare your order to go. Hours are Saturday through Thursday 11am till 10pm, and Friday and Saturday from 11am till 11 pm.

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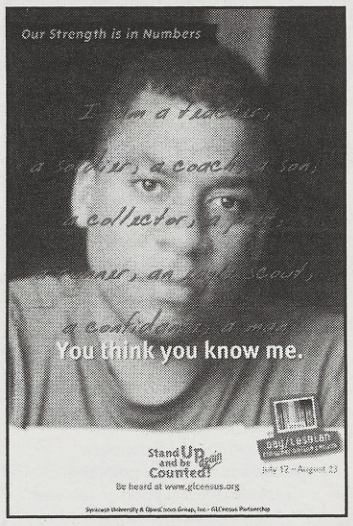

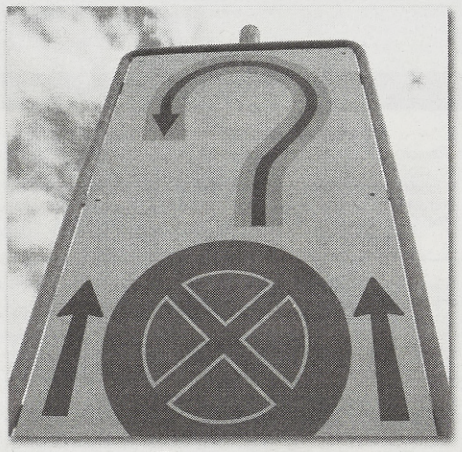

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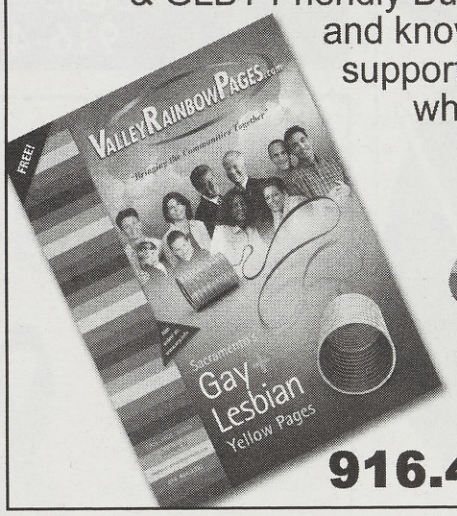

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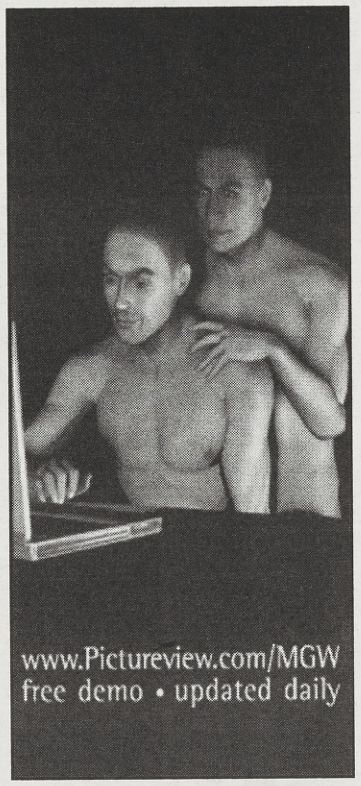

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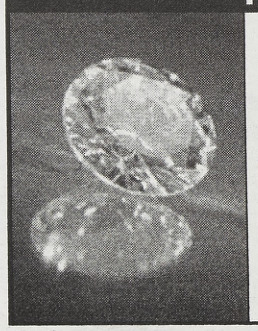

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Sexual Compulsives Anonymous, 5pm- 6:30pm, www.lambdasac.org
Women's Coming Out Group, 6pm- 7:30pm, www.lambdasac.org
Faces Sunday Night Dance, 11pm in dance bar, faces.net
NMHP Collectibles & Book Sale, 11am-5pm, Florin Mall, nmhpsacto.org

16 MONDAY

Lambda Law Referral Service, 5:30pm- 9pm, www.lambdasac.org
Men's Coming Out Group, 6pm- 7:30pm, www.lambdasac.org
Men's Discussion Group, 6:30pm- 8pm, www.lambdasac.org
Over The Rainbow NA Group, 8pm- 9pm, www.lambdasac.org

17 TUESDAY

Tuesday Farmers Market, 10am- 2pm, Roosevelt Park, www.downtownsac.org
Weight Watchers, 5pm- 5:45pm, www.lambdasac.org
Survivors of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault, 6pm- 7pm, www.lambdasac.org

18 WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Farmers Market, 10am- 2pm, Cesar Chavez Plaza, www.downtownsac.org
For Youth, By Youth GLBTQ Youth Support Group, 6:30pm- 8pm, www.lambdasac.org
Womyn on Wednesdays, 7pm- 9mp, www.lambdasac.org

19 THURSDAY

Thursday Farmers Market, 10am- 2pm, Westfield Shopping-town, www.downtownsac.org
Weight Watchers, 6- 6:45pm, www.lambdasac.org
Circle of Friends, 7:30- 9pm, www.lambdasac.org

20 FRIDAY

"The 3rd Friday": Free Salsa Lesson, 7pm, Club 21
Youth Group, 8pm- 9:30pm, www.lambdasac.org
Café Lambda, 9:30pm-12am, www.lambdasac.org

21 SATURDAY

ISCCD Hollywood Goes Trailer Trash, 6pm, Sudbud Hall, 574 E. 12th Street, Chico
CGNIE Ducal Ball 2004, Vagabond Inn Executive - Arden, cgnie.com

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25 WEDNESDAY

Log Cabin Republicans of Sac meeting, 7pm, logcabinsacramento.org
Wednesday Farmers Market, 10am- 2pm, Cesar Chavez Plaza, www.downtownsac.org
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Weight Watchers, 6- 6:45pm, www.lambdasac.org
Circle of Friends, 7:30- 9pm, www.lambdasac.org

27 FRIDAY

Faces Amateur Strip Contest, 10pm in the video bar, faces.net
Youth Group, 8pm- 9:30pm, www.lambdasac.org
Café Lambda, 9:30pm-12am, www.lambdasac.org

28 SATURDAY

Weight Watchers, 9-10am, www.lambdasac.org
Cafe Lambda, 9pm-12am, www.lambdasac.org

29 SUNDAY

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous, 5pm- 6:30pm, www.lambdasac.org
Women's Coming Out Group, 6pm- 7:30pm, www.lambdasac.org
Gay Fast Pitch Softball League Reunion, 11am, Curtis Park

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Over The Rainbow NA Group, 8- 9pm, www.lambdasac.org

31 TUESDAY

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Survivors of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault, 6pm- 7pm, www.lambdasac.org

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1 WEDNESDAY

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Womyn on Wednesdays, 7pm- 9mp, www.lambdasac.org
Faces Kamaikaze Karaoke Contest, 11pm in the video bar,faces.net

2 THURSDAY

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Thursday Farmers Market, 10am- 2pm, Westfield Shopping-town, www.downtownsac.org

3 FRIDAY

Man Scouts, 9/3- 9/6, www.manscouts.com
Youth Group, 8pm- 9:30pm, www.lambdasac.org
Café Lambda, 9:30pm-12am, www.lambdasac.org

4 SATURDAY

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Cafe Lambda, 9pm-12am, www.lambdasac.org
Millbrae Art & Wine Festival, 10am- 5pm, Broadway Avenue, Millbrae, www.miramarevents.com

5 SUNDAY

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous, 5pm- 6:30pm, www.lambdasac.org
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10 FRIDAY

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Café Lambda, 9:30pm-12am, www.lambdasac.org

11 SATURDAY

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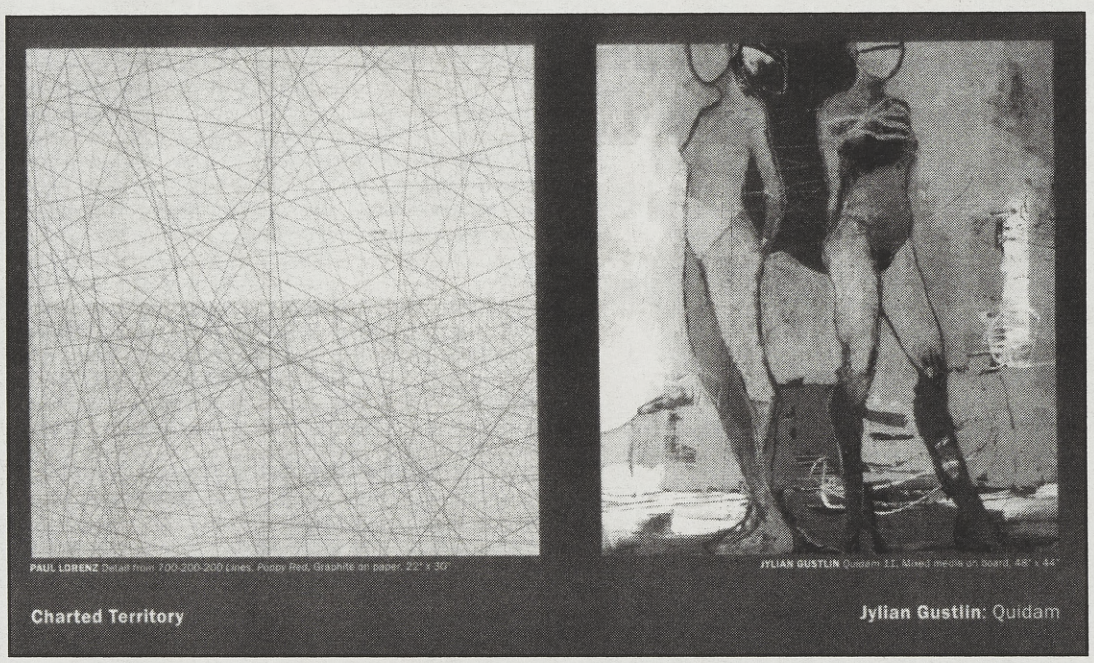
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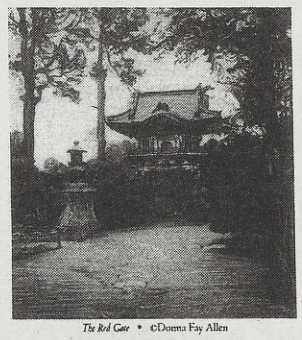
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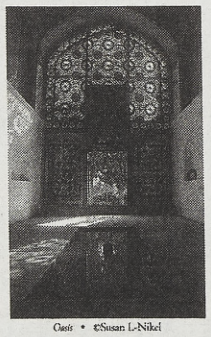
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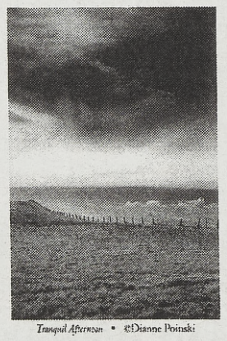
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MASTER EVENTS CALENDAR

Palm Springs Intl. Film Festival , www.palm-springs.org	January8-9,2004
Sacramento Freedom Fair, 442-0185	June 5 , 2004
Los Angeles Pride Parade, www.lapride.org	June 22, 2004
San Francisco Pride Parade, 415-864-0831, sfpride.org	June 28-29, 2004
Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, 231-757-4766.	August 2004
Provincetown GLBT Family Week, 619-296-0199, familypride.org	August 2004
Sacramento Sierra Stampede, 978-4040	August 2004
Strawberry Music Festival strawberrymusic.com	August 28-September 1, 2004
Sacramento Rainbow Festival 2003, 448-7798	Labor Day Weekend
Folsom Street Fair San Francisco	September 2004
Chico Pride Festival, chicopride2001@hotmail.com	September 2004
Sacramento Valley Aids Walk	September 2004
Palm Springs Short Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	September 2004
S.F. Castro Street Fair, 415-467-3354	October 2004
National Coming Out Day	October 2004
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	October 2004
Out on Film-GLBT Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	October 2004
Greater Palm Springs Pride, www.palm-springs.org	November 5-6, 2004
California Domestic Partners Law Anniversary	November 16, 2002
S.F. Harvey Milk and George Moscone Killed	November 27, 1978

ART GALLERIES

20th Street Art Gallery
911 20th St., 930-0500, www.20thstart.com
BAMPFA
Matrix 212: Eija-Liisa Ahtila Intention to Fail, July 11 thru August 5
2625 Durant Avenue #2250, Berkely, 510-642-0808
Chroma Gallery
American River Scenes, thru July 4; The Colors of Freedom, July 10 thru August 8
10030 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, 966-6020
www.thechromagallery.com
Crocker Art Museum
San Francisco & The Second Wave, thru July 11; The Blair Collection of Abstract Expressionism, thru July 11; Nenoir & His Circle: Works From An Intimate Collection, thru July 11; Humanimals and their Kin: The Art of Gerald Heffernon, thru August 22; Mongolian Art: A Living Landscape, July 31 thru October 3; Indian Miniatures, July 31 thru October 3; Drawing in Italy from 1550 - 1650, September 11 thru November 7; Edward Weston: Life Work, November 20 thru January 30, 2005
216 O Street, www.crockerartmuseum.org
Exploding Head Gallery
If Only They Could Talk, thru July 3
924 12th St., 442-8424
Hang Art
556 & 567 Sutter Street, SF 415-434-4264
John Natsoulas Gallery
Boyd Gavin: Paintings, thru July 4
521 First St., Davis, 530-756-3938
Legion of Honor
Art Deco: 1910-1939, thru July 4; Between Promise & Reality: The Photographs of Adi Nes, thru July 18; Photo-Image in American Prints 1960-1990, thru July 18
100 34th Ave., SF 415-750-3614
Lola Gallery
San Francisco Safari, thru July 17
2517 Mission St., Second Floor, SF, 415-401-6800
Northern California Arts, Inc
Bald Expressions, September 28 thru October 17
5330-B Gibbons Drive, 971-3713
Phoenix Gallery
1739 L Street, 447-1632
Richard L. Nelson Gallery
Robert Arneson: The Palace at 9 AM, thru October 8
One Shields Avenue, Davis, 530-752-0522
SF MOMA
Larry Sultan: The Valley, thru August 1; Matisse and Beyond: The Painting & Sculpture Collection, starts July 1 ; Between Art & Life: The Contemporary Painting and Sculpture Collection, starts July 1; New Work:Evan Holloway & Dave Muller, July 1 thru October 24
151 Third Street, SF, 415-357-4000
Solomon Dubnick
M.R. Chase: On My Mind: Stored Thoughts, Wanderings and Daydreams, thru July 3; Cynthia Hurley: Wetness/Dryness, thru July 3; New Still Life by Jian Wang: Lost in the Moment, thru July 3; Surface & Element, July 8 thru July 31, reception July 10; Laurie Winthers: Quiet Spaces, July 8 thru July 31, reception July 10; New Work by Alan Post, August 5 thru September 4, reception August 14
2131 Northrop Ave., 920-4547
State Capitol Building Basement Gallery
415-641-4636
Tower Framing & Design Gallery
50 Caliber, July 1 thru July 30, reception July 10, 6- 9pm
2131 Northrop Ave., 923-6204
Up Town Studios Art Gallery
Chrystal Webber, thru July 2; Reflections on Women; The Strength Within, September 11 thru October 8
912 1/2 J Street, 446-1082
Viewpoint Gallery
On the Wall: Color Photographs by 3 SVPAC Members, thru July 10; Print Night, July 7, 7pm; Donna Fay Allen, Dianne, Poinski, Susan L-Nikel, & Lori Emmington, July 16 thru August 28, reception August 14, 5:30- 8:30pm; SVPAC Members Show, September 3 thru October 23, reception September 11, 5:30- 8:30pm
551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., 441-2341

THEATRE / DANCE / ORCHESTRA

Actors Theatre
Beyond the Proscenium, Sci-Fi Hotel: The Musical, July 8 thru August 8
1616 Del Paso Blvd., 922-9774
California Musical Theatre
The Wizard of Oz, July 6 thru 18; The Fantasticks, July 20 thru 25; Oklahoma, July 27 thru August 1; The Pirates of Penzance, August 3 thru 8; Footloose, August 10 thru 15; The Scarlet Pimpernel, August 17 thru 22; Jesus Christ Superstar, August 24 thru September 5; Hairspray, September 29 thru October 10; Movin' Out, November 3 thru 14; Peter Pan, December 28 thru January 2, 2005; Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, January 26 thru February 6, 2005; Singing In The Rain, March 9 thru 20, 2005; The Lion King, April 28 thru June 5 2005
1510 J Street, 446-5880, 446-1370, www.californiamusicaltheatre.com
Castro Theatre
Ladies and Gentlemen Prefer Jane Russell, July 23, 8pm, reception 6pm
415-863-0611, hostess2@earthlink.net
Downright Downtown
Shakespeare Lite, thru July 1
www.downtownsac.org
Empire Mine State Historic Park
10791 E. Empire St., Grass Valley
530-268-8578
Fair Oaks Theatre Festival
Theatre Under the Stars, thru July 25
American River College, 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8433
Fairytale Town
Puppet Festival, Tuesday-Sunday thru July 3; International Festival, July 11, 11am- 3pm; Twilight Concert Series, Wednesdays thru August 25, 6- 9pm; Thirteen Themed Thursdays, thru August 27, 5pm- 7pm; International Festival, July 9 thru 11, 11am- 3pm; Wacky Water Day, July 17, 11am- 3pm; Very Special Arts Festival, July 24 thru 25, 11am- 3pm
264-5233, www.fairytaletown.org
Foothill Theatre Company
Fully Committed, thru August 15; Sierra Shakespeare Festival: As You Like It & Much Ado About Nothing, August 27 thru September 19; The Nerd, September 30 thru October 31; A Child's Christmas in Wales, November 18 thru January 1, 2005
530-265-9320
Les FrancoFolies de Montreal
16th FrancoFolies de Montreal, July 29 thru August 7
1-800-444-9114, www.francofolies.com
Mondavi Center
530-754-2787, www.mondaviarts.org
Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club
The Montclair Women's Big Band, August 22, 3:30pm; A Woman's Word, September 11, 7:30pm; Debbie Fier, Omeyocan, October 17, 3:30pm; Robin Flower & Libby McLaren, Nancy Fogl, November 13, 7:30pm; Adrienne Torf, Ronnie Gilbert, December 111, 7:30pm
510-339-1832
New Conservatory Theatre Center
Southern Baptist Sissies, thru July 11; In Concert Series, thru August 29; Gay Playwriting Workshop, Tuesdays July 6 thru September 7, 7- 10pm; Goldfield & Koldewyn, July 10 thru July 18; Pride Season Ten: We Are Family, August 14 thru July 10, 2005
25 Van Ness Avenue @ Market, SF, 415-861-8972, www.nctcsf.org
San Jose Center for the Performing Arts
The Producers, July 6 thru July 25
1-888-445-7469, www.amtsj.org
SFJAZZ
415-788-7353, www.sfjazz.org
SF Opera Company
301 Van Ness, 415-864-3330, www.sfopera.com
Strawberry Music Festival
Strawberry Fall Music Festival, September 2 thru 6
209-533-0191, www.strawberrymusic.com
Summer Concerts in Carmichael Park
Free Summer Concert Series, Sundays thru August 29, 6:30- 8:30pm
Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., 485-5322
The Golden Gate Theatre
Hairspray, thru July 3
650-327-1200
www.hairsprayontour.com
The Studio of Dramatic Arts
PMB 253 @ 1008 10th St., 443-8648
The Woodland Opera House
Over the River and Through the Woods, September 3 thru 26; Swinging on a Star, October 29 thru November 21; I Ought to be in Pictures, January 28 thru February 20, 2005, Once Upon A Mattress, April 8 thru May 1, 2005; Picnic, May 27 thru June 19, 2005
340 Second St., Woodland, 530-666-9617
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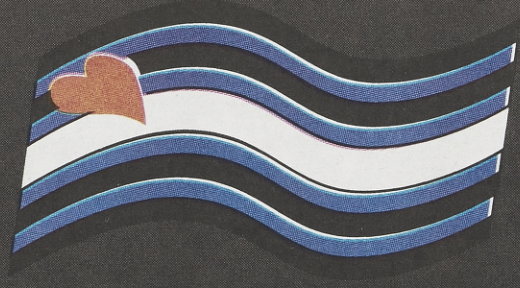

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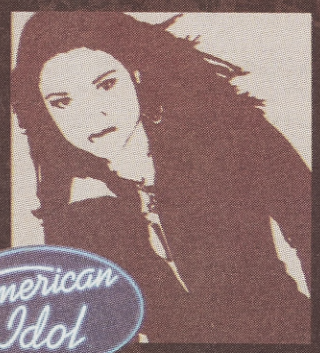

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